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(NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, [REDACTED] information contained in these summaries is classified SECRET/NOFORN/INFORMATION ONLY).

1. DCN Case 407 (Nickel, Nickel Scrap, Cobalt; TECHNICAL PROGRESS)

POLTO A-252, October 19, 1955, transmitted [REDACTED] that Technical Progress S.A. of Zurich, a well-known west/east trading firm, had just purchased the following items from ETABLISSEMENTS ANCIENS HOFFMANN of Ghent, Belgium:

5,300 kg. of nickel scrap in drums
2,197 kg. of nickel in 11 drums and 10 cases
648.7 kg. of cobalt in drums

2. DCN Case 408 (Tetraethyl Lead; TOMASICH)

Since February, 1955, a series of investigations have been conducted by Amembassy Belgrade, Rome and London in an effort to determine accurate figures on Yugoslavian imports, annual requirements and uses of tetraethyl lead (TEL). These investigations stemmed from information reported in Rome D-1582, Feb. 3, 1955, which discussed the possibility of Italy's supplying Yugoslavia with 1,200 tons of tetraethyl lead during 1955 and raised the question of Yugoslavia's ability to utilize that amount. This despatch also reported an alleged plan to divert large quantities of TEL from Italy to Hungary via Yugoslavia. Hans VON POPP, Milan, Soia HATSCHENKO, Vienna, and Piero MARINELLI, Venice, were named as participants in this planned diversion. In February Amembassy Belgrade reported that they were unable to provide information on this alleged diversion and in June Amembassy Vienna reported that their investigation also was unproductive.

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3. DCN Case 409 (Electronic Tubes; FUNKTECHWERKE)

CA-4062, November 25, 1955, [REDACTED]

25X1A9a [REDACTED] alleged that Yugoslavia is importing quantities of radio transmitter type electronic tubes far above its normal needs and has been regularly forwarding them to Hungary and Rumania. The tubes are purchased in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, and especially in the city of Trieste. The principal purchases in Germany are made from the FUNKTECHWERKE firm, which recently is supposed to have furnished 150,000 tubes. In Trieste, purchases are arranged by the Yugoslav Delegation with a Dr. LUIN of the TECHNIA FIRM. A small number of the tubes are reportedly of United States manufacture. Since the tubes in question may be covered by IL/I, Ambassadors Belgrade, Bonn, Milan, and Trieste have been requested to initiate appropriate investigations. Bonn was asked to determine the strategic rating of electronic tubes exported to Yugoslavia by Funktechwerke.

4. DCN Case 410 (Ethylene Glycol; THEODOR CHRIST)

Basel D-35, November 29, 1955, reports that the Theodor CHRIST firm, Engelgasse 77, Basel, purchased 5 barrels, 1,100 kilos, (total value 2450 Swiss francs) of ethylene glycol (IL 1727) for Jules Roth, Geneva, and had it shipped to Basel consigned to the freight forwarders GONDRAND FRERES. Christ, at the request of ROTH, instructed Gondrand to ship them to Buchs for Roth's disposal. Gondrand thereupon shipped the goods to Mased, Budapest, on Roth's orders. When questioned about this shipment, Christ pleaded ignorance of Roth's reputation as a East-West trader, and was told that the goods were eventually diverted to Hungary, promised to have no more dealings with Roth. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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